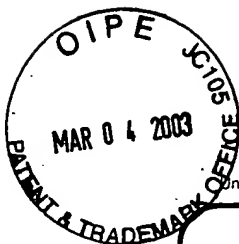


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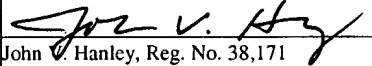
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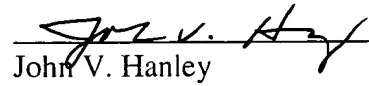
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In response to the Election/Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action dated January 23, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Grafting system – Species A: Figure 4 and believe that claims 1-15, 17-21 and 23-40 are readable thereon. Applicants also elect Superior end of the bifurcated graft – Species B: Figure 9B, but do not believe that there are currently any claims which are readable on Species B: Figure 9B to the exclusion of Species A: Figure 9A. Further, Applicants elect Superior attachment system – Species A: Figure 10, but again do not believe that there are any claims now pending which read on Species A: Figure 10 to the exclusion of

Species B: Figure 11. Finally, Applicants elect Contralateral guidewire – Species B: Coiled wire (embodied in claim 16).

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